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Despite strong arguments and numerous petitions for free hides, the Senate evidently intends to levy a tariff duty on them, for the practically exclusive benefit of the Beef Trust and to aid it in establishing a monopoly of the leather trade and then of the shoe trade.

The Hartford Courant characterizes an act of an increase of taxation and as "nonsense." The Farmer's statement that an increase in the value of a town's assessed property at full value, is "another method of increasing taxation." Surely, such action by the board does not decrease the town's burden, nor does it leave the burden as before; thus, the process of elimination makes the change an increase. This may be "nonsense," but it carries at least the outward appearance of a verity.

President Wilson of Princeton University said, in an address to the graduating class:

Most of these colossal processes of wealth which have now fallen under our condemnation are conducted by honest men who were keeping within the bounds of the law. But what unprofitable servants they were—enjoying the fruits of their own industry and the business enterprises they served. Many of these enterprises are for the time being discredited, their products, their services, their goods, are being rejected by the public. The very success which has been questionable, if you demand of success that it bring enjoyment and content with it. Success has a heart and you should look into it. It is often of lead, sometimes of gold, sometimes of iron, but only sometimes a source of living joy.

The end of the tariff bill in the Senate is apparently in sight. In Senator Aldrich's opinion it may be reached by Saturday of this week; in that of Senator Beveridge, one of the "insurgents," the debate may cover this and next week. There are quite a number of important points yet to be covered, as the tariff, if any, on wool, pulp and print paper, hides, leather and its products, and scrap iron, etc. Indications are that the Senate will impose duties on all of them, that the House will disagree, and that the measure will then go to a conference committee for final adjustment which will be in the nature of compromises between House and Senate rates. However high the temperature, it is fairly evident that Congress will celebrate the Fourth in Washington.

The net result of the whole proceeding (over the proposed disqualification of cigar makers for the office of police commissioner in New Haven which was voted by Gov. Weeks last week) has, says the Courant, been to intensify the demand for greater home rule in cities. For years, Bridgeport has been pleading for greater home rule with little or no effect. It has often expressed the Courant's opinion that "this running up to Hartford for such a petty matter is evidence of the extent to which at present our cities depend on the General Assembly." Now that New Haven has run up to Hartford, with "such a matter," and that Hartford desires to construct and own docks, it is possible that Bridgeport may be granted some greater measure of home rule and be freed from the wrong of having charter amendments forced upon it at the instance of major or minor politicians who seek personal or partisan advantages against the interests and wishes of the city.

The present tariff levies a tariff duty of 36 a ton on "print paper"—the article on which newspapers are printed—the House reduced it to 32; the Senate evidently intends to increase the rate to 34 and to make the new material of print paper, which is wood pulp, free of duty. This trade is practically controlled by the International Paper Co., which fixes the market price. It was lately shown that the labor cost of print paper in this country is less than in Canada, and that the number of newspaper employees in a single State, New York, is greater than the total in the print paper trade. Therefore, protection of the paper trade against Canadian competition is not needed, while the principle of "the greatest good to the greatest number," demands removal of all tariff burdens from the newspaper trade. But the Senate, as above stated, evidently intends to enslave the paper manufacturers to import Canadian wood pulp free of duty, and to exact from the newspapers 34 a ton on the finished product more than existing conditions require. In effect, this would give the paper trade a profit of 4 a ton in addition to its legitimate profit. The

Senate has shown itself very favorably disposed toward all of the big trusts, and regularly extends benefits to them.

The Norwalk Hour finds "shrewd Republican leaders around the State" rather "inclined to believe that there is some difference of opinion between the 'big four' in this country, Kenesaw, Hawley, Banks and Walsh." Should this prove to be the case, the Hour says, "there would be still further interest in a contest that will include a fight for the nomination of governor, a fight for United States Senator and a fight for the nomination for sheriff."

Two of the "big four"—Kenesaw and Walsh—have grievances, the former having been turned down for a Superior court judgeship, and the latter, for Congressman-at-large. One, Sheriff Hawley, has a grievance growing out of the storm of criticism which followed his active opposition to the Hill candidacy in the U. S. Senatorial contest. Speaker Banks has not, so far as we know, any grievance. Whether the other three can attribute to him any of the causes of their grievances, we do not know, but this is certain, viz., that at present Mr. Banks enjoys the strongest claim upon the position of County Boss.

"Trumbull," correspondent of the N. Y. Herald, would not be surprised if somebody offered a resolution postponing the public utilities bill to the next session and this passed. Quite probably, this will be done, provided the corporations' lobby finds that members pledged against the bill fear to take an openly adverse position. Public sentiment favors the creation of a commission too strongly to be openly defied with safety. Postponement for two years' would, in such event, be "the next best" in the probable opinion of the lobby.

But it would be postponement only. The issue would come up with renewed vigor two years hence, and it would probably cut a prominent figure in the campaign of next year, with this difference from 1908, that the voters, with the packing of the present Legislature in memory, would be more careful in making legislative nominations and would see to it that the next Legislature should not be packed against the creation of a public utilities commission. There are prominent members of the present body who would experience grave difficulty in securing reelections. And we may add, the measure presented to the next General Assembly would probably be more drastic than the one forthcoming from a special committee of the present body. If the corporations' lobbyists are wise, they will accept the latter's measure which is likely to be moderate, rather than trust to the future.

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STRAFORD

Children's Day—Father O'Connor—A Big Whist—The High School Contest—Gas—Letter from California—People Coming and Going.

It was children's day all over town on Sunday, and the little ones had the time of their lives reciting pieces, singing, and getting presents. Mrs. Gilbert says the exercises at the Methodist church were the best she ever knew, and the auditorium was handsomely decorated for the event. Much credit is due to Mr. Elliott, Mr. Peck, the efficient superintendent, and the ladies who assisted him. Some of the young men who took part were Russell and Herbert Hoyt, Stanley Hyndal, George Stanley, Lucius Derby, Basil Merrill, A. Dart, Fred Platt, Harry Barnum, Wesley Johnson, Ernest Hull, Fred Totsame, while the young ladies included Rhoda King, Rues Lockwood, Elizabeth Yates, Addie Drew, Edith Gibbons, Mabel Tooley, Irene O'Brien, Ruby Reed, Edith Blackett, Ruby Payne, Grace Aulford, Tillie Assum, Louise Barnum, Louise Dufour, Addie Drew and Pauline O'Brien. "Enjoyable" time was had, and much music whirled away the hours.

At the Congregational church four babies were baptized—John Wheeler, George W. Hubbard, Bernice Baldwin and Virginia Marie St. John. A number of very pretty songs were sung by the children, and the church was decorated with flowers and flags. Rev. Father O'Connor is now on his annual spiritual retreat at St. Maurice Institute, Kearsley Island, South Norwalk, Conn. He will be absent all this week. All Roman Catholic priests go to retreat once a year, during which time they give themselves up to meditation, fasting and prayer, making as it were an "inventory" of the soul, as the Catholics call it. The last time of "mission," this period of retreat, given up entirely to spiritual exercises, is in keeping with the historic and discipline of the Catholic Church, that her priests may be enabled to carry on with renewed vigor the grand work of its salvation of souls.

The receipts for the recent St. James whist amounted to \$208. There was a very large crowd, 832 persons, to be exact, and not a cent was left in yet. This was the largest whist ever given in town. It looks as though St. James' was making Stratford a popular resort.

Mr. Alden W. Coe has reached Richmond, Vermont, and is pleased with the climate and the beautiful surroundings. Mr. and Mrs. George B. Coe have returned from their wedding trip to the Thousand Islands, and are visiting for a few days in Derby, prior to living in Waterbury. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coe were in town over Sunday visiting their parents.

Prof. Johnson and family, from the South, are guests of Mrs. Hudson, Main street.

"A leaky canoe is a merry tune." If this is so all the farmers are singing cantatas at the top of their voices. Prof. Charles Scoville of New York, spent Sunday with Mr. Edward Dufour. There was a very good audience at the High School house to hear the debate on the question of restricting immigration, which was carried on between the Juniors and the Sophomores. The Juniors who argued that immigration should be further restricted, won, but the Sophomores feel that some of their best points were ruled out. One of them contended that but for our foreign population, Abraham Lincoln would not have been elected president, and another made the point that but for the immigrants our railways would not have been built as the Americans refuse to do that kind of work. But Miss Bennett would not allow these points to count in the debate. In the spelling match the Sophomores came off victorious so if they do not debate so well as the Juniors, they spell better. There was

singing and gymnastic exercises. The music fund was considerably augmented. Much credit is given to Judge Peck for so arranging character matters that the people of this town can get gas, and as was announced some 10 days ago, the Farmer, the Bridgeport Gas Light Company having got control of the old Stratford charter, the laying of gas mains will proceed at once. The new officers of what is now called the Stratford company, are N. W. Bishop, president; George W. Roberts, secretary and treasurer; and these gentlemen and the addition of Mr. Sanford Stoddard, directors.

Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Cogswell spent yesterday afternoon visiting friends in Bridgeport.

Next Thursday evening the Ladies' Aid Society will give another one of their delicious suppers at the chapel of the Congregational church.

Mr. David Coe has received a letter from a friend in Bigsby, Inyo county, California, in which the writer says: "I will send you a brief description of our country, which we consider the greatest on earth. We have the most beautiful fields of alfalfa, wheat, and standing on that peak one can look down on the lowest depression in the United States both in the same county. We have got areas where the ice is hundreds of feet deep in the hottest part of the hottest and driest summers. In the same county we have places where the temperature at midnight reaches 120 degrees and of course is much hotter in the day time. In this portion we have thousands of acres of beautiful fields of alfalfa, grain, timothy, clover, potatoes, etc., and in another portion of the county there are hundreds of square miles where no vegetation grows and the eyes are almost blinded by the glitter of beds of pure salt, borax and various compounds of soda as it occurs in nature. The weather now is delightful and my crops are growing splendidly, yet we have not had a drop of rain since March 10 nor do we want any until next December when the mountains will gather their crop of snow for next year's irrigation. Our hills are covered at this time with sheep and our valley produces the finest garden, farm, dairy and poultry products, and our honey is unsurpassed. Our mountains are covered with gold, silver, lead and copper as well as numerous kinds of minor metals and valuable stones including mountains of fine marble and this is the place that Roosevelt meant when he wrote to the Congressional Land Committee in regard to the effort of Los Angeles to purchase it. It is in part: 'The opposition from Owen's Valley though genuine is but from a few settlers and must be disregarded as against the interests of the people like Los Angeles.' Our Congressman, a Republican, commenting on the but from T. R. said: 'There is only one thing Roosevelt has tried to regulate about the session of Congress, and that is the bowels of members.' But under Secretary Ballinger we are getting a square deal and Los Angeles is getting all she needs and more. It looks now as if we would go ahead in fine shape and develop into a marvelously rich and happy commonwealth people by men of energy, brains and high ideals.

Several smashups in town have recently been averted, owing to the fact that the autos, the teams and the trolleys managed to pass each other without colliding. These things happen every day.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hawley are in town from their wedding trip. They are members of the Grange, and were married a few days ago.

There are already in town 107 subscribers for gas when it comes. The many friends of Elizabeth Peck are delighted to see her in town again. Mrs. Arthur Meloy has entertained the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. Mrs. Edith Peck has been visiting in New York. Frank Wilmont and Percy Lewis have been in town. Miss Jessie Wood and Miss Mildred Freyer are to cook the home from their schools in a few days. Miss Alice M. Breck of this town, is soon to marry James A. Sundrick of Niagara.

Recent notable visitors in town include Paul Goodell, Clarence Bilton and William Rowley. Mrs. Alice Wailes, Mrs. Thomas Clifton, Mrs. Frederick Honnig, and De Witt Beardsley and family. Several are said to have attended the Mary Clapp Woofter, which gave a luncheon not long ago somewhere in New Haven. All who went had a very enjoyable time, and their friends were very glad to see them.

There is a frightful rumor that the state board of equalization has raised the tax on the automobile to \$100, and the times are hard, and many people have to scratch to get a living.

Lots of good folks are running over to Bridgeport with free coupons in their hands.

Fairfield County News.

Were on "Joy Ride." Thomas McGrath, of Bethel, who was run down by an automobile while driving and received a broken leg, was the victim of a joy ride. The Danbury police discovered that the car that struck the team was probably a machine from Pennsylvania that was taken from a local garage without the knowledge of the owner. Machine and chauffeur returned to the garage the day following the occurrence. The people in the car were aware of the chauffeur who is blamed for the accident, and drove on with a light heart, leaving the injured man lying helpless in the road. It appears from the police investigation that the chauffeur came to Danbury with his employer, who was touring and remained a day or two. Without the knowledge of his employer, he took the car from a garage and with two other men whose acquaintance he had formed, picked up three women and started out on a joy journey. They were on their way to Ridgefield at the time of the accident.

Rattlesnake Stew. James Vallee of Danbury, while in New Milford last week went to Green Mountain and killed a large rattlesnake. The snake measured four feet six inches. Mr. Vallee hunted and killed the snake especially for the benefit of his friends. A few Danbury friends that rattlesnake stew was a delicacy. When he appeared with the snake his friends invited to the feast, changed their minds. He stated today that the rattlesnakes were more prevalent than usual around New Milford and were coming down from the mountain in larger numbers than in many years.

Catches Law Violators. James Brundage, John Ireland and Harry Wood were arrested in New Milford, last week, on a charge of spearing black bass off their spawning beds in the close season. The arrests are the result of two years' work on the part of the authorities to catch people who have been doing spearing work on the big ponds back of Danbury. In order to break the tradition of Game Warden Wilbur F. Smith, of South Norwalk, appointed a new deputy in New Fairfield whose identity was not known and the arrest was the result. The three men pleaded guilty and the fines and costs combined amounted to \$38.71. The men pleaded guilty to fifteen counts each.

Fire in Garage. A barn on the premises of Dr. A. N. Phillips, Glenbrook, which was used as a garage, was damaged about \$250 by fire. The fire started outside the barn in a barrel of gasoline. The cause is not known. Mr. Phillips' men and two gentlemen and their chauffeur, who were passing in a car at the time, got out the two automobiles and other things that were in the barn and killed the blaze before the entire building could be destroyed.

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Attest: L. J. GILL, Ass't City Clerk.

MARRIED.

WARNER-OVERTON.—In Norwalk, June 9, Miss Maude Thomas Raymond, daughter of Mr. Willis H. Overton, to Charles Philip Warner.
LYNCH—RAYMOND.—In Rowayton, June 9, Miss Maude Thomas Raymond, to Edgar Drewry Lynch.
HALSTEAD—MORGAN.—In Winsted, June 8, Clark Halstead and Miss Kittle Lucetta Morgan of Waterford.

DIED.

COOKE.—At Stamford, June 12, William C. Cooke, aged 63 years.
WALSH.—In Danbury, June 10, Andrew A. Walsh, aged 48 years.
MORRELL.—In East Norwalk, June 11, Albert J. Morrell, aged 73 years.
OLSON.—In Winsted, June 12, Herman Olson, aged 22 years.
POPP.—In Norwalk, June 11, Joseph Popp, aged 66 years.
COMSTOCK.—In Torrington, June 9, Mrs. David P. Comstock, aged 65 years.
ARCHER.—In Torrington, June 9, Dennis Archer, aged 60 years.
SOWARBY.—In Rowayton, June 9, Mrs. Julia A. Sowarby, aged 79 years.

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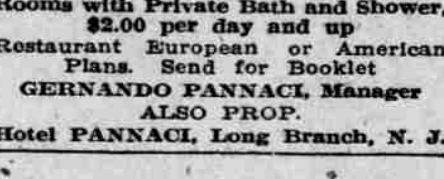
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